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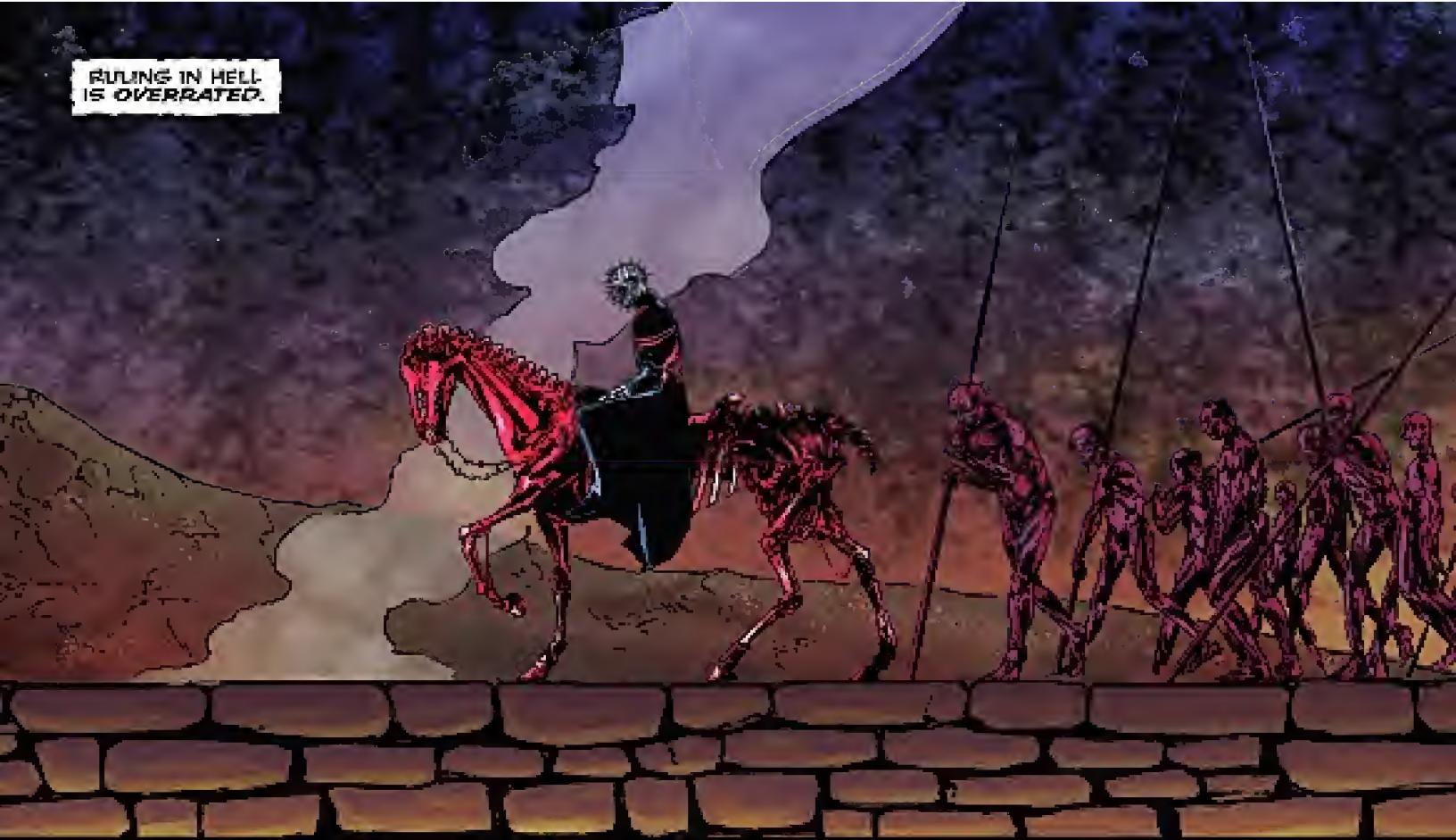
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RULING IN HELL
IS OVERRATED.



IT'S BEEN A YEAR
SINCE I STOPPED
BITING HARRY
D'AMOUR, NEW
YORK PRIVATE
INVESTIGATOR,
AND PART-TIME
DEMON HUNTER--

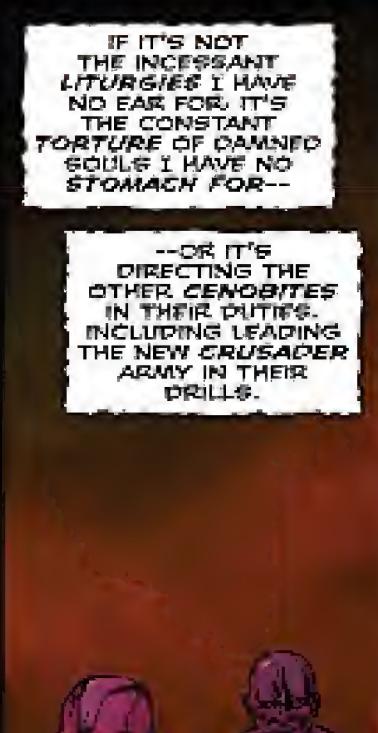
IF IT'S NOT
THE INCESSANT
LITURGIES I HAVE
NO EAR FOR, IT'S
THE CONSTANT
TORTURE OF DAMNED
SOULS I HAVE NO
STOMACH FOR--

ALL IN ALL,
IT'S ALMOST A
RELIEF WHEN
SOMEONE TRIES
TO ASSASSINATE
ME.

--AND BECAME
D'AMOUR, CURRENT
HIGH PRIEST OF HELL.
AND IN THAT TIME, I'VE
COME TO UNDERSTAND
ONE THING--

--OR IT'S
DIRECTING THE
OTHER CENOBITES
IN THEIR DUTIES,
INCLUDING LEADING
THE NEW CRUSADER
ARMY IN THEIR
DRILLS.

--WHY ELLIOTT
SPENCER WOULD
RISK LIFE AND
SOUL TO QUIT
THIS JOB.



ALMOST.



HIS NAME IS
PARRIEUX
MARCHETTI--THE
"CANKERIST," A
THEOLOGICAL
ASSASSIN.

I RAN
AFoul OF
HIM YEARS
AGO--



--KILLING A
WOMAN TO
GET AT HER
UNBORN CHILD.
AT CHRISTMAS.
WHILE MUTTERING
ABOUT A
"SURFEIT OF
MESSIAHS."

NICE
GUY.



SUPPOSEDLY HE GETS HIS ORDERS FROM THE VATICAN, OR FROM HELL, OR BOTH.



FOR A MINUTE, I ASSUME HIM COMING AFTER ME NARROWS THE OPTIONS THERE--

--UNTIL HE BLOWS MY MIND.



THERE ARE MANY HELL'S, OF ALL PEOPLE, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT.



MARCHETTI'S GOT SOME KIND OF TALISMAN THAT PREVENTS THE POWERS OF HELL FROM HURTING HIM.



BET IT'LL
SHOW UP
SOME TIME
LATER...

...BETWEEN
MY RIBS.

GOT HIS TALISMAN,
THOUGH. PROBABLY
GOING TO COME IN
HANDY SOMEDAY.

WE FEED MARCHETTI
INTO THE CENOBITE
CONVERTER--NO SENSE
WASTING A PERFECTLY
GOOD SOLDIER, JUST
BECAUSE HE'S IN
SOMEONE ELSE'S ARMY.



BUT HE'S
GOT ONE LAST
SURPRISE
FOR ME...

YOU
HONESTLY
THINK YOU'RE
THE ONE IN CONTROL
HERE, D'AMOUR.
YOU'RE A PUPPET...
AND LEVIATHAN'S
PULLING YOUR
STRINGS!

THINK,
HARRY!
WHY WOULD
LEVIATHAN--
ERG--
CHOOSE
YOU?



IT'S A QUESTION
THAT CUTS ME
LIKE A RAZOR.
(MAYBE IT WAS
SUPPOSED TO?)

WHY AM I HERE?
WHY DID LEVIATHAN
CHOOSE ME WHEN
HIS LAST TWO HIGH
PRIESTS TOOK EACH
OTHER DOWN?

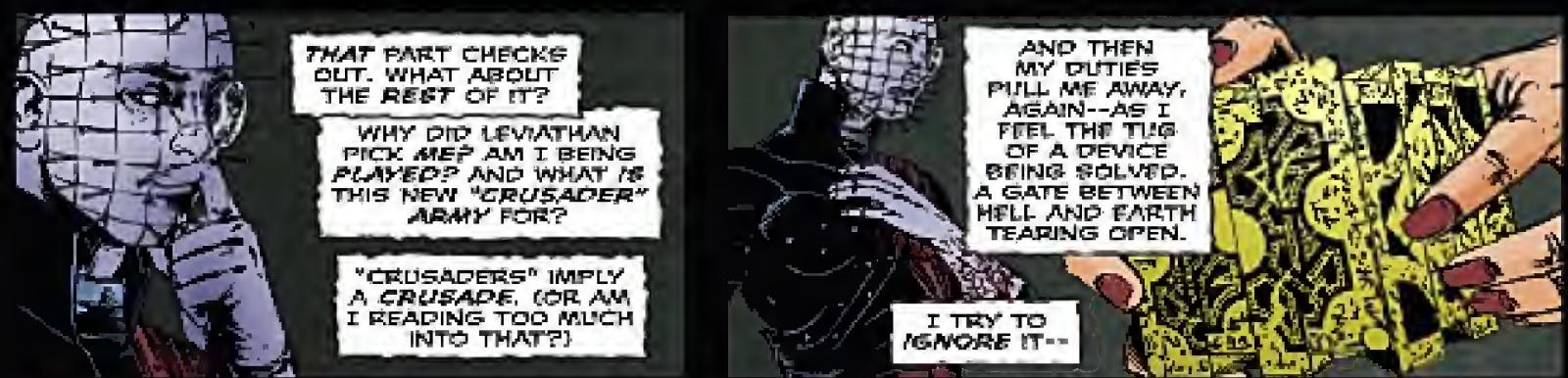
AN
ASSASSIN, SENT
TO MURDER YOU--
ONLY TO SWELL THE
RANKS OF HELL'S
NEW ARMY.

MY LIEUTENANT
IS TALKING BEHIND
ME, BUT I BARELY
NOTICE...

THEN SHE SAYS
SOMETHING THAT
CUTS ME, TOO.

WHAT
IS THIS
NEW ARMY
FOR?







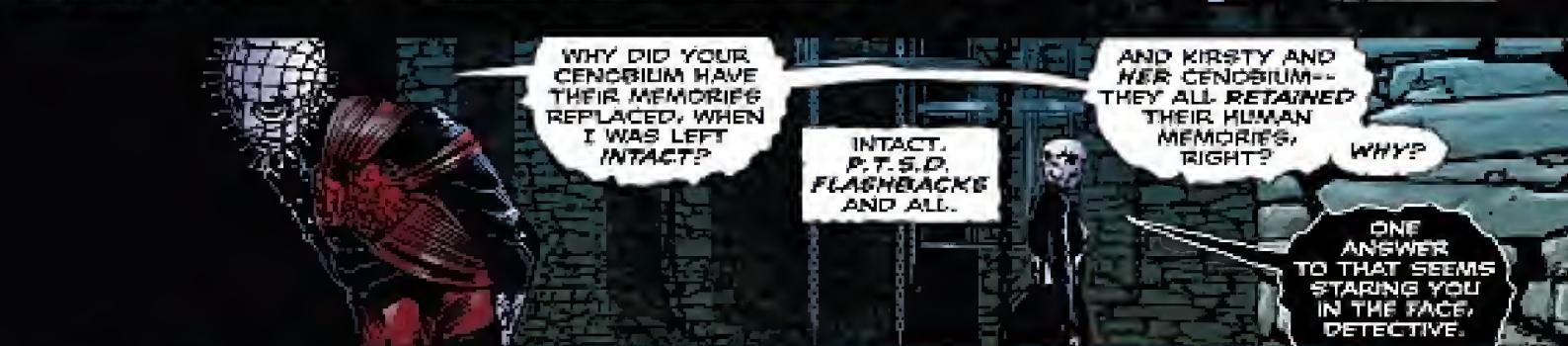




BECAUSE THAT WAS KIRSTY COTTON'S CURSE TO ME AND THE REST OF MY CENOBITUM.

SHE REMINDED US OF THE HUMAN LIVES LONG PROWNED UNDER OUR DECADES IN HELL. I--

--SPENCER NEVER FORGAVE HER THAT TRESPASS.



THAT'S ALL VERY
INFORMATIVE--
PROVIDED I CAN
TRUST MY LIEUTENANT.
AND I CAN'T. SHE'S
BEEN A SERVANT OF HELL
FOR DECADES--ON TOP
OF BEING SPENCER'S
WOMAN. IN HIS
CENOBITE DAYS.

INTERVIEWING
WITNESSES ISN'T
GETTING ME
ANYWHERE. TIME
TO TRY ANOTHER
TACTIC--

--SURVEILLANCE.
COULDN'T HELP BUT
NOTICE THE CANCERIST
CENOBITE WAS TRYING
TO GET SOMEWHERE.
DID MY LIEUTENANT
REALLY WANT TO KEEP
ME FROM WAKING
UP THE HUMAN
INSIDE HIM--

--OR DID
SHE WANT
HIM TO GET
WHERE HE
WAS GOING?



MY LIEUTENANT
WOULD SQUAWK
IF SHE KNEW I
WAS OUT IN THE
PIT WITHOUT AN
HONOR GUARD.

BUT THE HOT POLLOI OF
HELL'S DAMNED ARE GOOD AND
COWED RIGHT NOW, FOLLOWING
THEIR FAILED UPRISING...



DEATH TO
THE CENOBITE
OPPRESSORS!

...OR
MOS...
T ARE.

DEATH
TO--

--UH...



THIS WAS THE
CANKERIST'S
DESTINATION...

...SO WHAT IS IT?



AND
WHY DON'T
I KNOW
ABOUT IT?

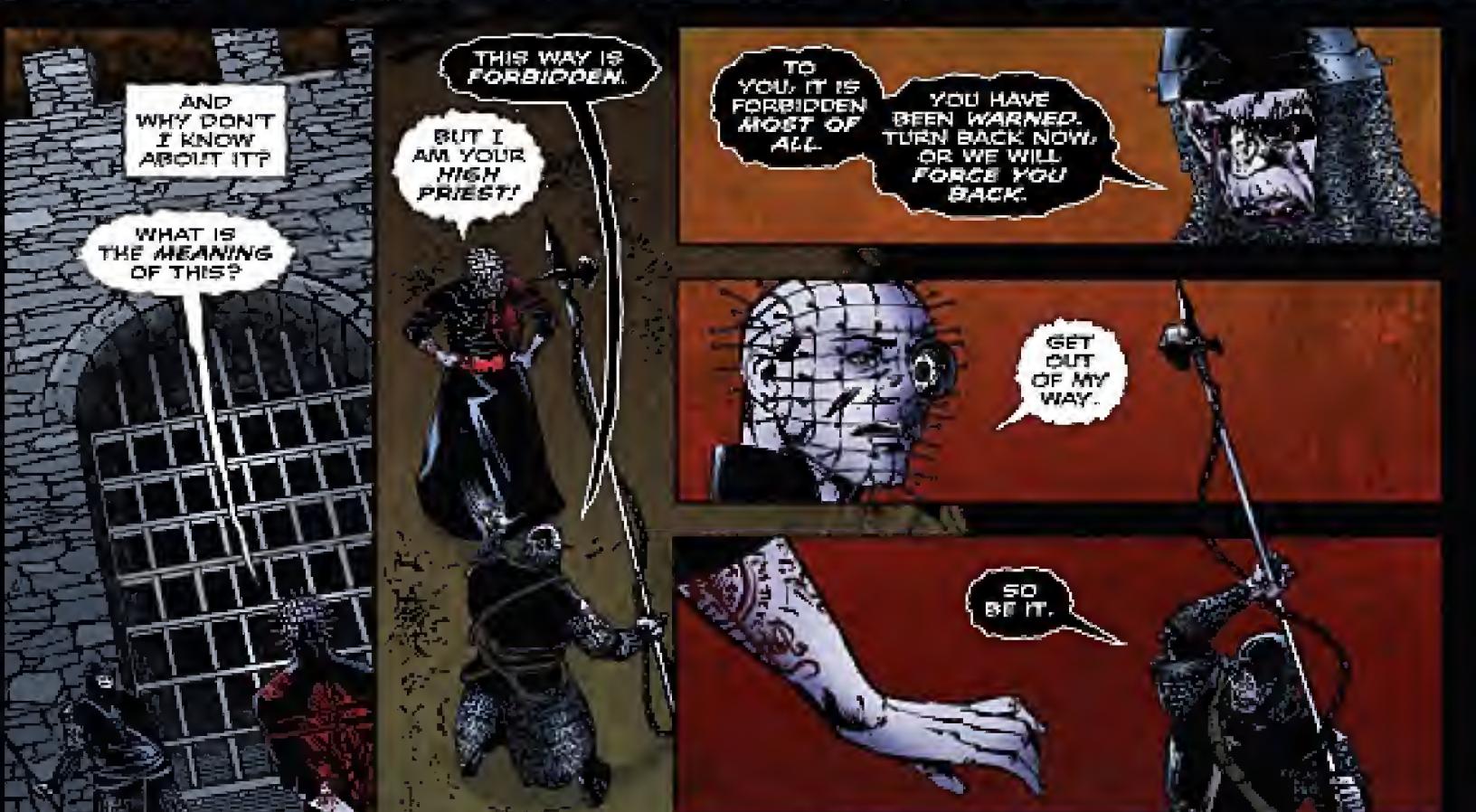
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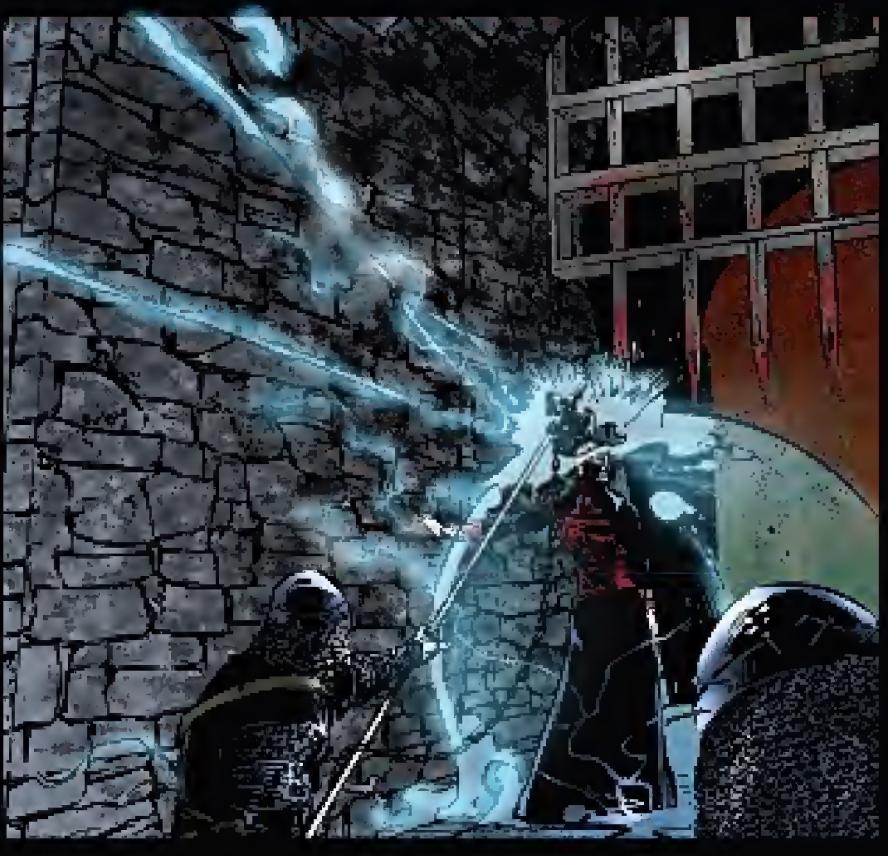
THIS WAY IS
~~FORBIDDEN~~

**BUT I
AM YOUR
HIGH
PRIEST!**

TO
YOU IT IS
FORBIDDEN
MOST OF
ALL

**YOU HAVE
BEEN WARNED.
TURN BACK NOW,
OR WE WILL
FORCE YOU
BACK.**







—THAT'S NEW.





...MARCHETTI'S
KNIFE? BUT--



--OH.

MY
LIEGE--
MOVE!



THAT
WOUND WON'T
DISTRACT
IT FOR--



--LONG.

WELL,
SHIT.

MARCHETTI'S KNIFE
CUT THROUGH REGULAR
CRNOBITES LIKE BUTTER.
IT WAS SUPPOSED TO
ASSASSINATE ME, A
HIGH PRIEST--

--AND IT SEEMS
TO JUST MAKE
THIS THING MAD.

MY LIEUTENANT
INVOKES HER
CHAINS.

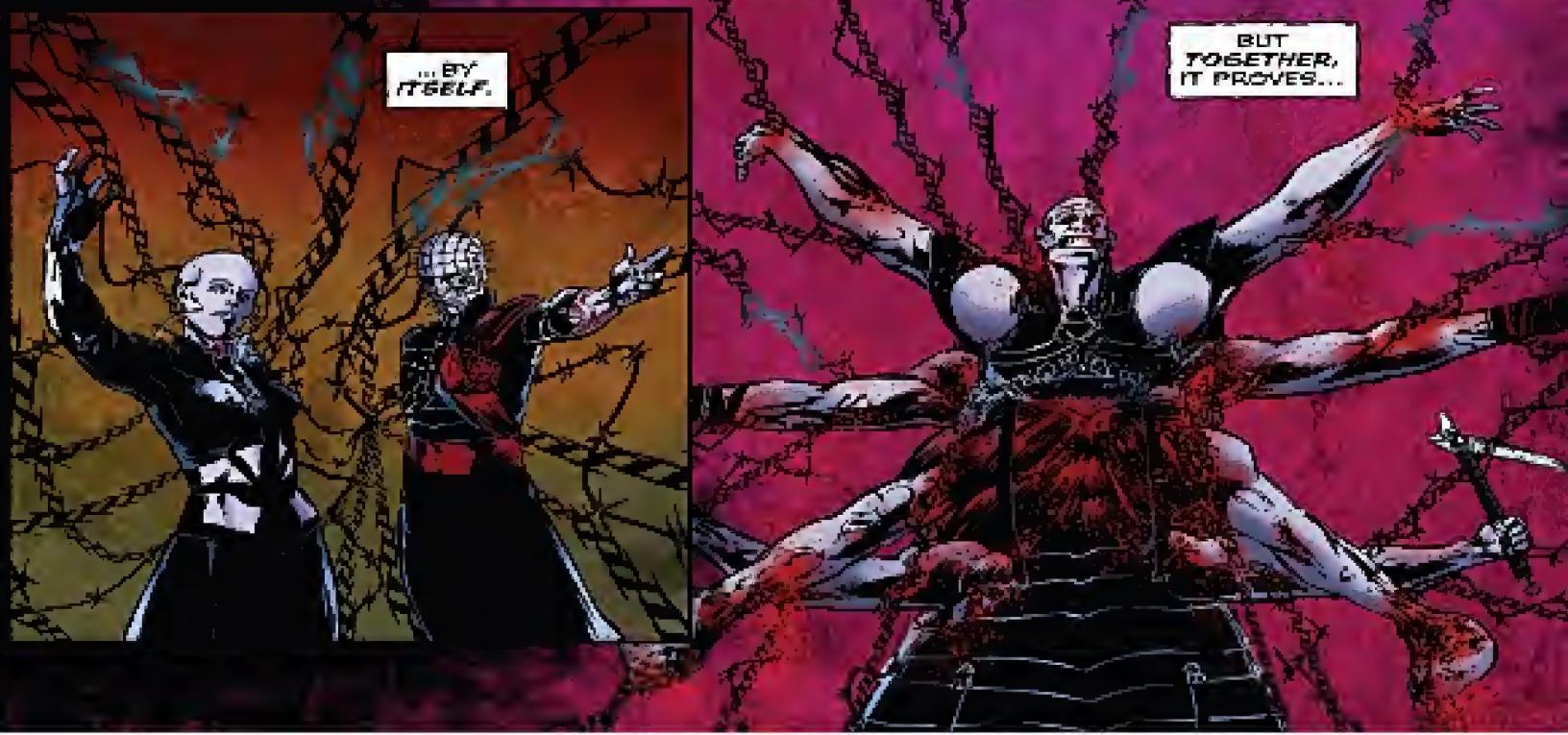


IT'S NOT
ENOUGH...



...BY
ITSELF.

BUT
TOGETHER,
IT PROVES...



...STILL NOT
ENOUGH!

FUCK!

THAT'S IT.
WE GAVE OUR
BEST SHOT.

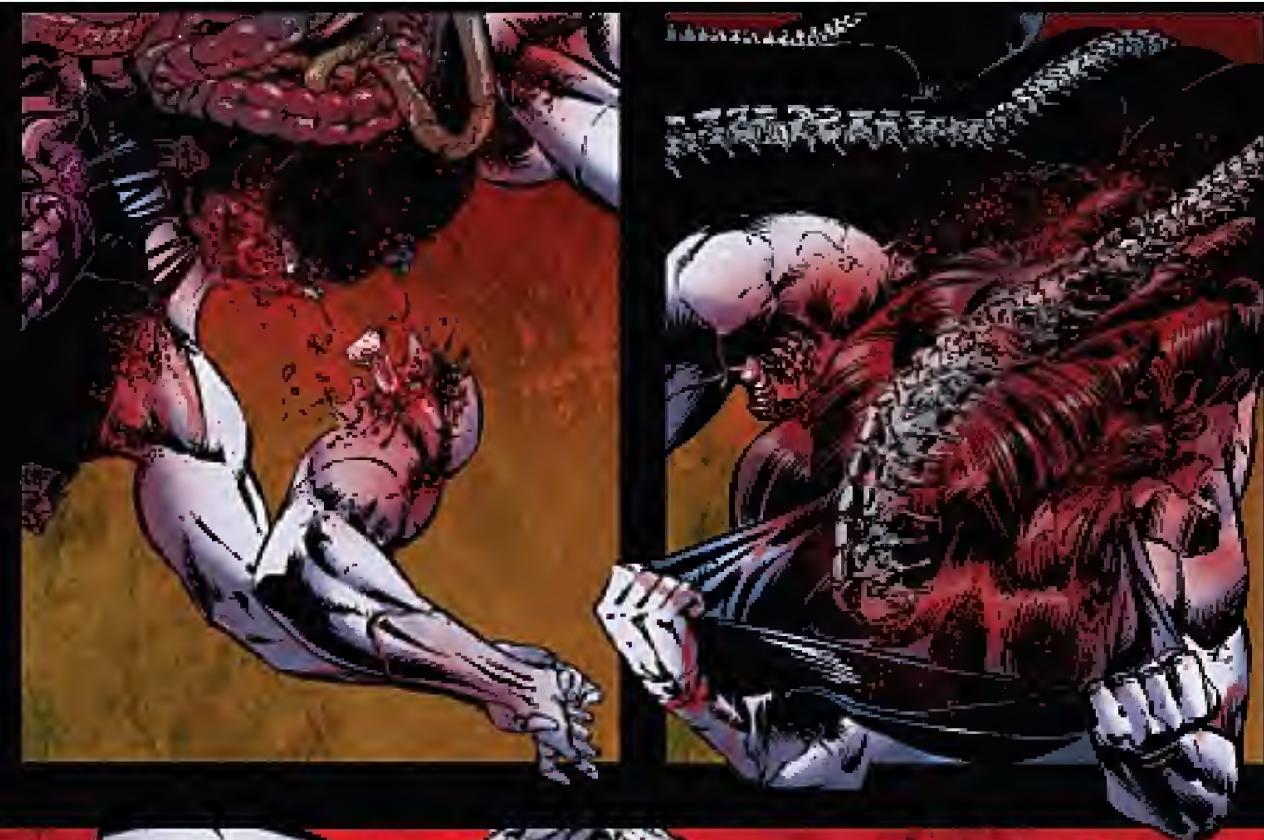
ALL WE CAN
DO NOW IS
ESCAPE WITH
OUR LIVES...

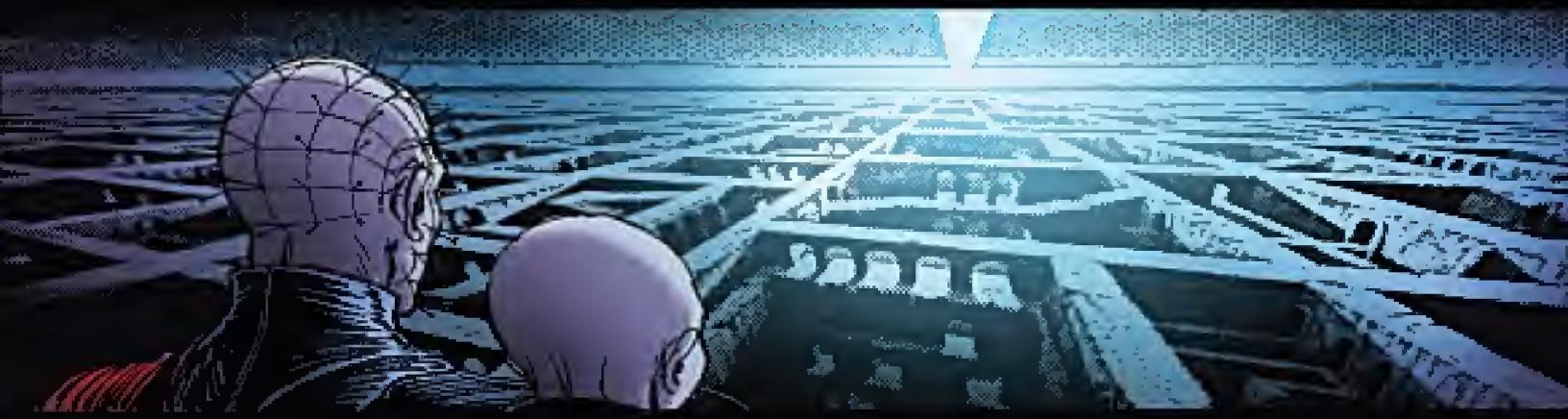
...NEVER
MIND.











THAT WAS SLOPPY.

I SHOULD'VE HELD MYSELF TOGETHER BETTER.



SHE SAVED ME--
BUT I STILL
DON'T KNOW
WHERE HER
ALLEGIANCES
LIE.

ADD THAT
TO THE LIST.
THE BIG PILE
OF THINGS
I DON'T KNOW,
OR HAVEN'T
BOthered
FINDING OUT.

I'VE BEEN SO
PREOCCUPIED WITH MY
NEW LIFE THIS LAST
YEAR, I'VE LET SO MUCH
SLIP PAST ME.



SUCH AS-ELLIOTT SPENCER'S INSURRECTION STARTED WITH HIM TEARING A HOLE BETWEEN HELL AND EARTH.

SO THE OBVIOUS QUESTION I SHOULD'VE ASKED IS--





--WHAT
HAPPENED
TO THE
HOLE?

IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW.
THE NEW ARMY--IT'S
AN INVASION FORCE.
HELL IS GOING TO
INVADE EARTH!

IT'S THE FINAL
BATTLE. THE END OF
DAYS. HELL'S ARMY
COMES TO EARTH--

--AND I'M
SUPPOSED
TO LEAD IT.

TO BE CONTINUED!

FROM THE BOOM! PEN

Sometimes I'm able to be a part of a project that blows my mind. Whether it's a childhood favorite like *GARFIELD*, or a lauded series like *IRREDEEMABLE*, there are some projects that have a unique, special quality to them. Years ago I had the good fortune to meet Mike Carey. Mike is one of the greatest storytellers our medium has to offer—and one of my personal favorites—so it was very cool to find out that he is also a hell of a nice guy. When we first met, we hit it off immediately and began discussing Mike writing a new project at BOOM!

Now, some of you may not know, but Mike is also an accomplished... everything. He's a respected novelist, and has written video games and feature film scripts. If there is an art to writing something, chances are Mike can do it, and do it well. This year, Mike has been nominated for an *Edgar®* Award for a press short story he wrote. As you can imagine, this is a man who is extremely busy.

So as time went on we began to discuss this story of a world where superpowers are just beginning to be activated. The only problem is, everybody seems to be a villain. And the tragic few who are heroes end up breaking bad for some reason, or worse. Finding themselves outmatched and dead. But if you think superheroes have it rough in this world, what about the regular heroes without superpowers? What about cops? That's where our main character, beat cop Leo Winters, comes in. Cops are dying in droves and Leo is having a hard time standing by and watching his brothers and sisters fall in the line of duty. What follows is a mind-bending story where nothing is what it seems and the world is on the brink. Like some of Mike's best stories, it's an ongoing narrative and the story continues to peel back like an onion with every issue.

This is a story we've been working on for years and the stars have finally aligned. The first issue of *SUICIDE RISK* is in stores now. This ongoing series is drawn beautifully by Elena Casagrande, with covers by the incredibly talented Tommy Lee Edwards and Stephanie Hoos.

I couldn't be prouder of the result. I hope you'll give it a chance. It's a project that we've put a lot into, and we think you'll enjoy it... if you take the risk.

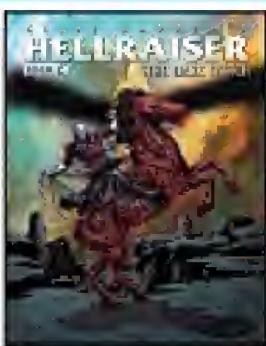
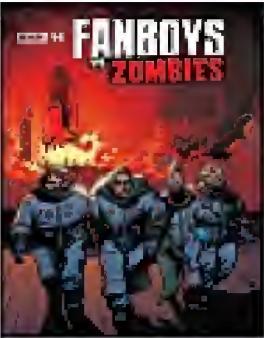
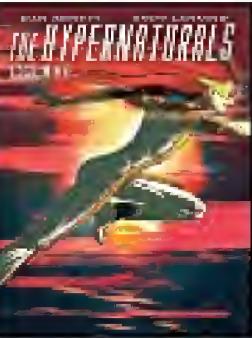
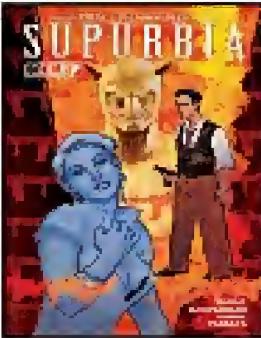
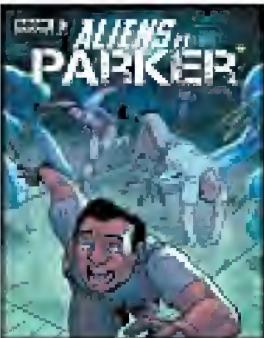
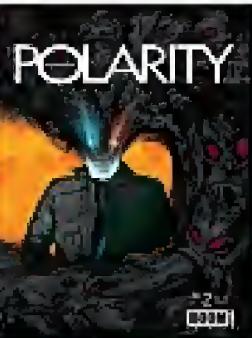
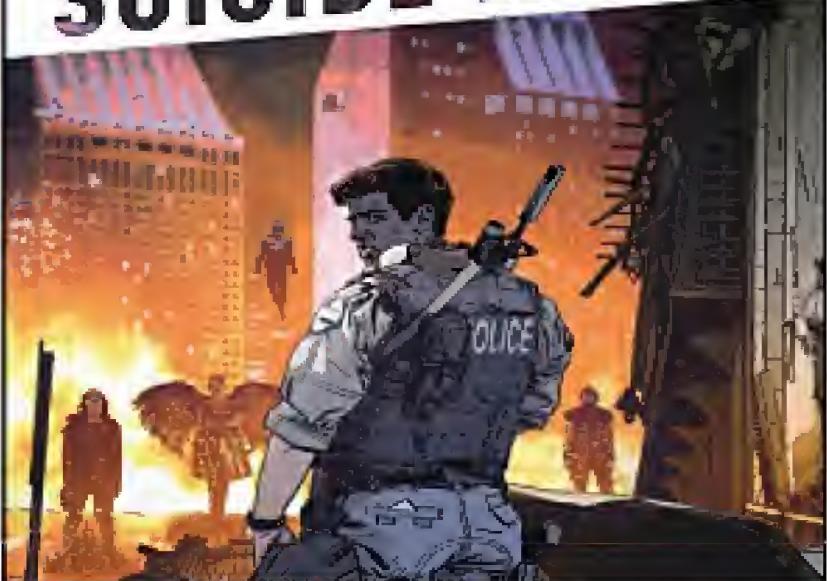
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